

**What is Claimed is:**

1. A joint connector comprising:

a terminal received by a terminal receiving chamber in a connector housing; and

5 a coupling member to electrically connect a plurality of terminals with each other,

wherein a supporting part to slidably support the coupling member is provided at a wall of the terminal receiving chamber,

wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided at the  
10 terminal to clip the coupling member at a slide end of the supporting part.

2. The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,

15 wherein a positioning member, with which a side part of the coupling member comes into contact, is provided at starting side of a slidable part of the notch to prevent the coupling member from lateral displacement.

3. The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,

20 wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,

wherein an engaging part to prevent the coupling member from lateral displacement is provided at stopping side of a slidable part of the notch,

25 wherein a mating part to be engaged with the engaging part

is provided at the coupling member.

4. The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the coupling member has a joint piece, a plurality of slidably contacting pieces being continued to the joint piece, and a vertically contacting piece being provided vertically on each slidably contacting piece,

wherein the vertically contacting piece is clipped by the resiliently clipping members of the terminal.

5. A terminal comprising:

an electrically contacting part at one side; and

an electric wire connecting part at the other side,

wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the terminals with each other.

6. The terminal as described in claim 5,

wherein the resiliently clipping member has a rear anchor continued to the electric contact part and a pair of free ends, said free ends being continued to the rear anchor and clipping the coupling member.

7. The terminal as described in claim 6,

wherein the pair of free ends is continued to the rear anchor and extended in a longitudinal direction of the electric contact part.

8. The terminal as described in claim 6,

wherein while the pair of free ends is formed in a folded shape, a tip part of each free end rises in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction of the electrically contacting part.

5           9. The terminal as described in claim 5,  
          wherein the tip part of the resiliently clipping member  
is formed to have a tapered opening.

          10. The joint connector as described in claim 1,  
          wherein the terminal as described in claim 5 is used in  
10 the joint connector.